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Ghandi's grandson promotes peace at SU

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To Mahatma Gandhi, a perfect world would be full of peace and justice for all; it was his goal to spread the word of non-violence.

On April 10, his great-grandson Tushar Gandhi continued to carry on his family's

tradition by sharing his speech: "Nonviolence or Nonexistence: The only choice," to the students.

The event was part of the "One Person Can Make a Difference," lecture series, hosted by the Bosserman Center for Conflict Resolution.

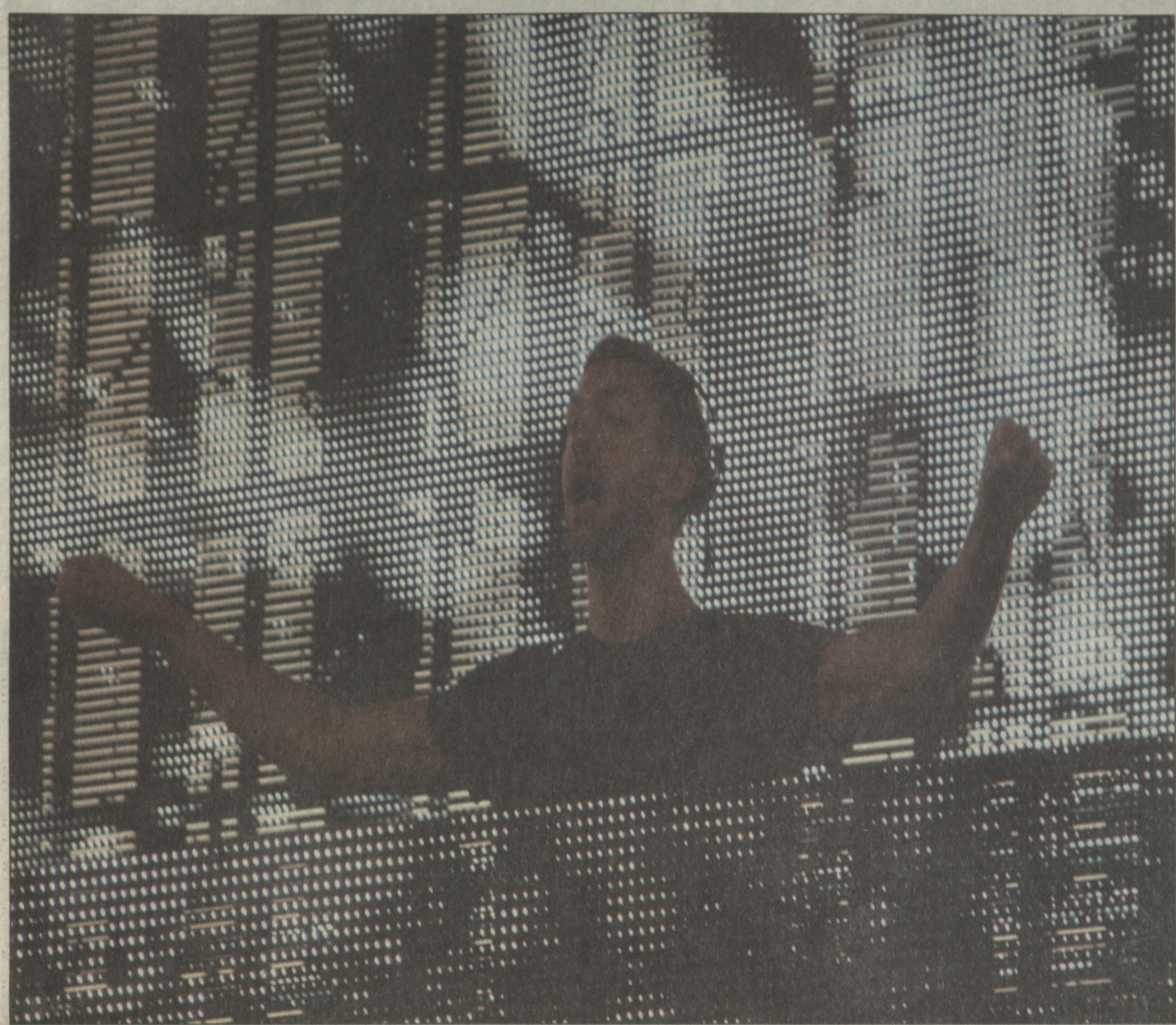
The family's traditions date back to 1930, when Mahatma

Gandhi made the Dandi March in India. Originally known as the Salt Satyagraha, Mahatma declared to walk 241 miles to the beach and pick up the salt in the sand in defiance against the British salt monopoly. He is credited with triggering the wider civil disobedience movement that helped India gain its inde-

pendence.

"He wanted world sympathy," Tushar said. "At this time, there were many battles happening all over India. He and 780 people from his community marched for justice, peace and a world without violence."

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Alex Roulac photo

DJ Calvin Harris gets the crowd hyped up during Gullfest 2013 on Sunday, April 14.

Students rave over big-name artists at Gullfest 2013

BY SARAH KRAUSS
News Editor

Over 2,000 Salisbury University students jammed out at the 2013 Gullfest, where Calvin Harris, Lupe Fiasco and up-and-coming band Kingsfoil performed high energy songs that got the crowd singing and dancing along.

The annual event was hosted by Student Organization for Activity Planning and planning for this year's show began in the beginning of fall semester. SOAP Concert Chair, Tasha Totaram said she

wanted to make up for some student discontent over the artists Neon Trees and Karmin that performed last year.

"I wanted to go out with a bang and try to extend to different genres we have not catered to before," Totaram said. "Since house music is popular now, I definitely wanted a DJ for this concert."

Students seemed to approve of Totaram's musical choices, which drew in 1,200 more students than any previous Gullfest performance.

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Alex Roulac photo

Students at Salisbury University's Gullfest cheer as artists perform during the show.



Morgan Eggink photo

Lupe Fiasco seemed pleased as he and his DJ performed for the energetic crowd.



Morgan Eggink photo

Malcolm in the Middle star Frankie Muniz plays drums with his band Kingsfoil.

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Perdue students win first place in Ethics Competition

BY HENOCK ZACHARIAS
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Four business students recently headed to Mount St. Mary's University for a competition sponsored by Enactus—a community of students, teachers, and business leaders and they came home nothing less than champions.

Julian Scott, Katie Joy, Henry Hunt and Corey Salemi all won first place at the Enactus Ethics Competition. SU Business Professor Marvin "Mo" Brown, their team coach, hand-picked all four team members.

Their objective was to solve an ethical dilemma faced by Inditex, a world leader in textile production.

Inditex funds community centers in Morocco but after receiving some negative feedback from some Non-Government Organizations as well as higher than expected costs, Inditex wondered if they should relocate to avoid harassment from the NGO's as well as reduce their expenses.

The SU team faced competition from Towson (2nd place), Mount St. Mary's (3rd), Hood College and Penn State Abington.

All teams had four weeks to come up with a response to the ethical dilemma and present it. For Salisbury, these weeks were filled with hard work.

"We practiced relentlessly on our presentation, staying up till 2 a.m., even three on some nights," Hunt said. "We didn't want to use any note cards."

The SU team moved through a lot of challenges during these practice sessions. They had to adapt to each other's style, from Scott's sometimes flamboyant presentation style to Corey "Speedball" Salemi's rapid-fire ability to spit out information.

It was during these sessions where the magic happened, Hunt said.

"We scrapped the whole thing two weeks into our project, we deleted half of the slides half a week before the competition, it was nerve racking because we knew we had the potential to do great," Hunt said. "I seriously think we are the best presentation group in Perdue right now."

Their response to the dilemma presented by Inditex started off as a joke.

"We need to reconfigure the audit process," Scott said. "And refocus the company's goals," said Katie Joy, of Lexington Park, Md.

Hunt, amid laughs, stated, "Ok! We can rejuvenate their social image, Tri-R, Tri-R, that sounds tough."



Salisbury University photo
Students and their coach celebrate a win at the Enactus Ethics Competition held at Mount St. Mary's University.

After further brainstorming, revamp was added to the list, and the Quad-R Initiative is born.

"Quad-R is a holistic plan we created to enhance any companies Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) operations," Scott said. "It is derived of four stages: Reconfiguring, Refocusing, Rejuvenating, and Revamping."

Quad-R can reconfigure any salvageable process with international companies, such as Inditex. The plan included refocusing if the company loses sight of its vision. Rejuvenating is to sharpen any dulled company efforts. Lastly they plan to "revamp the image stake holders have of the companies CSR operations."

"All of these qualities makes up a company's social image," Hunt said. "And that's what we felt was most important, that Inditex should sit down with the NGO's and work through their issues."

The team's presentation received perfect scores from 5 out

of 6 judges.

"We were just cohesive as a group, from our color coordination to the way we played off each other, all the hard work really paid off," Hunt said.

"Since students have done been doing very well in the competition, I've actually had them request to be a part of it, perhaps in the future we can hold a competition for the right to represent Salisbury University," Brown said.

And as Salisbury's wins tally up, many have begun to take notice. Their presentation already had high expectations and, which Hunt said, "only raised the stakes."

The SU team will move forward with a great experience and a challenge to next year's team to surpass their legacy.

Pork in the Park cook-off returns for 10th year

BY COREY NETHEN
Staff Writer

Pork in the Park will be returning to the Salisbury area celebrating its 10th year running on April 19-21. The top sanctioned barbecue competition east of the Mississippi River takes place in Winter Park on Blue Ribbon Road.

World champion eater Joey Chestnut will be competing against other professional eaters this year during the first-ever Wing-Eating Competition. Chestnut has earned the title of Nathan's Hot Dog Eating champion for five years in a row.

For those who are looking to enjoy slow-roasted specialties at their own speed, will have plenty of vendors to choose from who have travelled from all over the country to share their recipes.

"I always look forward to walking around the different barbecue stands trying to figure out which one I want," said Maddie Pettenati, Salisbury University alumni. "The judges have it made because they actually do get to try them all."

Other activities this year include a concert from national act Marshall Tucker Band (famous for their 1973 single "Can't You See") on Saturday night, a cornhole tournament and an assortment of rides, as well as amateur wing-eating and barbecue competitions. For students who plan on testing the variety of tasty



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beers, there will be free shuttle service from the Tri-County Council Building parking lot. "Pork in the Park is my meat lover's paradise," said James Miller, SU senior. "The barbecue is to die for and will definitely leave you satisfied."

Steve Miller, tourism manager for Wicomico County, said he hopes the upgrades and national acts this year will

bring out SU students, as he wants them to participate.

And pork isn't the only food group that will attract SU students and the local community.

"The secret is to save room for dessert because there is always a stand selling chocolate-covered cheesecake; the cherry on top of a successful day at Pork," Pettenati said.

The 10th annual Pork in the Park KCBS BBQ Cook-Off will take place Friday April 19 from 4 p.m.-10 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Admission is \$5.

GULLFEST

SU junior Tim Ayd said his favorite part was that Lupe Fiasco and Calvin Harris were actually going to perform.

"I had my doubts from the past couple years consisting of 'no-name' artists that I wouldn't bother taking the time to see," Ayd said.

However, SOAP did not disappoint this year, Ayd said.

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"When Calvin Harris dropped 'Here We F*ucking Go' by the Firebeatz with a snippet of 'Where's Your Head At,' everyone lost it," he said.

Calvin Harris was introduced by indie pop rock band, Kingsfoil, who shares the same label. The band got the crowd pumped up with their newly released single "What Your Mother Taught You."

Many SU students were excited to get to know the musical talent that movie and television star Frankie Muniz plays drums for.

"College crowds are different than regular audiences because you have to win them over," said lead vocalist of Kingsfoil, Jordan Davis.

"But they are exciting to play for. They have a lot of energy," added bassist Tim Warren.

Davis said he prepared for the Gullfest by brushing his teeth and warming up his band members.

"We also drink a lot of Noz," Muniz said.

After Kingsfoil finished their set, hip-hop performer Lupe Fiasco took to the stage, performing his lyrically impressive hit songs.

"Playing here reminds me of when I first started out," Fiasco told the crowd.

Fiasco performed his popular songs, "Superstar" and "Show Goes On," while students interacted with him, chanting along his verses as he held at the microphone to the crowd. He promoted his new song, "Bartlebeats," telling the crowd all they needed to do was help him put it on the charts.

Not even a brief power outage could stop DJ Calvin Harris from dropping beats that got the entire crowd moving.

Harris spun his original song, "Feels So Close," while mixing in other bass blasting songs like "We Found Love" and others off his album 18 months. Harris spun until the show closed, with the lights from his set brightening up the Sunday night sky.

Some students agree that this Gullfest is the best SU has hosted due to the stage presence and talent of its performers.

Junior Kaitlyn Schmier said Calvin Harris can get any party started.

"His music just enters the brain and makes life amazing," Schmier said.

Although finding popular artists within budget is no easy task, positive student feedback makes it all worth it, Totaram said.

"I am happy that this event is turning out to be a success and the biggest Gullfest Salisbury University has ever had," Totaram said.

SU readies for Big Event

BY JUSTIN MCCLURE
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Raking leaves, cleaning attics, and painting does not seem like the ideal way any college student would want to spend their Saturday, but that's exactly what the ninth annual Big Event will consist of on April 20.

The event, sponsored by Student Government Association, encourages a variety of Salisbury University students, clubs and organizations to register and help out including fraternities and sororities, academic clubs and organizations, and athletic teams. The properties surrounding the university are eligible to receive aid.

Over the years participation has increased drastically said SGA's Vice President of University Affairs Rachel Doyon.

"The amount of people signing up to participate has steadily increased, and this year, it has exceeded all expectations by reaching almost 700 student volunteers, already," she said.

The Big Event was established in order to display the appreciation SU has for the surrounding city; it's a way of showing community members that the university is appreciative of all their support and undying commitment.

"It feels good to give back to the community that Salisbury students like myself are a part of, it's a way to show the community that we care about living here just as much as anyone else," sophomore Michael DiMayo said.

He is a member of Sig Tau Gamma fraternity, which volunteers at Big Event.

"You know people will be affected in a positive way from it, and it feels good," DiMayo said.

Positivity is an understatement. Those who receive help are generally elderly,



Salisbury University photo
Last years Big Event brought out large crowds of students in support of community service initiatives around the University community.

living alone or unable to complete some tasks, and with the added support of SU students they are eager and ecstatic to have them.

There are a variety of student groups and organizations that aid in the community-wide clean-up effort. Some groups that have helped in the past include Society for Human Resource Management, Lambda Pi Eta and Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU). Coordinating the Big Event within CRU, Samuel Bennett aims for volunteers to actively participate and demonstrate good works through their religious beliefs.

"It is very humbling that we have been given the honor to go into our community and to serve it" Bennett said. "It gives us a great opportunity to help out while upholding our religious ideologies."

Typically, the cleanup efforts are centered near the campus, but are not limited to municipal areas such as parks and other public properties. The Big Event is a communal effort, and in years past many public figures have joined in to do their part and support the participants including Mayor Jim

Ireton and SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach.

Samantha Langdon, Vice President of University Affairs said she strongly encourages anyone to participate.

"If you are thinking about participating in The Big Event, then you should definitely try it, at least once," she said. "It is such a great, and fulfilling experience and it is rewarding to both the community and yourselves. Overall, it is a fun experience that every person should try."

Maryland senate passes medicinal marijuana bill

BY JUSTIN MCCLURE
Staff Writer

As decriminalization of marijuana in Maryland chokes in the House of Delegates, other legislation pertaining to the drug is still looming in the state government. The state voted to pass the legalization of medicinal marijuana and now the bill is headed to Governor Martin O'Malley, where he is poised to sign the bill into law.

Maryland officials have a clear course of action that will allow the drug to be distributed safely and securely and ensure that it will be utilized with good intent. The bill would

allow the legal distribution of marijuana by health care professionals through academic medical centers, and also set up a committee to monitor the growth and dispersal of marijuana. Maryland would be the 19th state to legalize medical marijuana.

The use of medical cannabis is commonly associated with cancer patients that use the drug in order to curb the harmful side effects of chemotherapy. However, it also has a myriad of uses extending beyond cancer patients including treatment for arthritis, chronic pain, fibromyalgia, glaucoma, multiple sclerosis

and nausea. With new legislation pertaining to illicit drugs, the issue arises as to how the state will monitor the drug. Law enforcement officials do not see the new law to be a threat.

"No prescription, no tolerance," Salisbury University Police Chief Edwin Lashley said. "As a law enforcement professional I will ensure that all pertinent laws are enforced. The passage of this bill will have no impact on the manner in which remaining laws are carried out."

Others see the new legislation to have a positive impact on their daily lives. After his family member was diagnosed with cancer, student Michael Lebow, said Maryland is taking a step in the right direction.

"The evidence for the positive use of medical marijuana is abundant and quite apparent," he said. "When my family member had cancer the only thing she said that relieved her symptoms was medical marijuana."

As some view the passage of the bill to be a benefit to cancer patients, sophomore Connor Sharpless said he sees the passage of the bill in a different light.

"This idea is not particularly radical; 18 states as well as neighboring D.C. already allow medical marijuana. It seems that the biggest adversary to medical marijuana isn't everyday people but big, pharmaceutical companies that stand to lose a profit from it," Sharpless said. "Personally I'd feel more comfortable ingesting a plant than a pill."

Some Salisbury students view the legislation to be an asset to those that require medical marijuana. Maryland is taking progressive steps in marijuana legislation. It's upon Governor Martin O'Malley to sign the bill into law, but with his signature the state could see a reform in health care options.

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In 2005, Tushar Gandhi led the 75th anniversary reenactment of the Dandi March with 80 followers from around the world. They took the same path as those in the original march, making the exact same stops. In 26 days they were able to reach their destination, which was the same amount of time the original one lasted.

"I never thought about making it to the end," Tushar said. "Every day, I just kept telling myself to make it to the rest stop. And then once I was there, I would tell myself to just make it to the next one, and so on until I made it to the end. My great-grandfather marched as a form of protest, but we marched to spread awareness."

Tushar was able to gain followers through a website he had created, collecting donations and asking for participants in the march. Only three months after it was up and running, his inbox was filled with over a thousand messages.

He now serves as president of the Internet Users Community of India, Mumbai Chapter. He was invited to join the Mumbai Police Cyber Crime Cell's advisory committee on cyber crime and appointed to a subcommittee of the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, a national museum, by the prime minister of India.

He also set up the Mahatma Gandhi Foundation, an electronic archive dedicated to Mahatma and his works. He said that India doesn't have good record keeping of preserving its heritage, and this is a way to make it concrete. The website tells Mahatma's story and shares his legacy. In 2005, the foundation earned the inaugural Mahatma Mahaveer Award for promoting the ideals of Gandhi. Like Mahatma, Tushar has a philosophy of non-violence.

"I do have my limitations," said Tushar. "I believe non-violence and its multiple hues is required to maintain a

healthy, thriving society. My outlook is best told through the story of the farmer who planted fruit trees. He would plant them not for himself, but for the generation after him to enjoy; it's just not possible to have all the fruits in your lifetime and enjoy them to yourself."

Currently, he is working on his second book, centering on the clan in India. His first book, "Let's Kill Gandhi," is a chronicle of Mahatma Gandhi's last days, the conspiracy, the murder and the investigation of his trial. It attempts to clear misconceptions surrounding Gandhi's death, providing a detailed account of Gandhi's life. Delving into his last years, it holds the police and intelligence agencies of that time responsible for the assassination.

Tushar said that back home, he spends his days writing and reading when he's not traveling. But things can get pretty hectic between all his appointments and meetings, and he said his wife tells him he needs a secretary.

"There have been many times when I have mixed up appointments," said Tushar with a hint of laughter. "But a normal day for me is lazy. I'm apart of many organizations, but not full time. Fortunately, many of them I don't have to continuously work on daily."

His visit to SU was the first time he had ever been to the university. His father has been to the campus many times in the past and has even established lasting relationships with faculty members. Executive Director for the Center of Conflict Resolution Brian Polkinghorn has become great friends with him and has even made him the godfather of his son. Polkinghorn has visited the Gandhi family in India and is organizing a trip for students to visit.

"We would love to have the students join us in our journey," Tushar said. "It's an experience that everyone should take part of."





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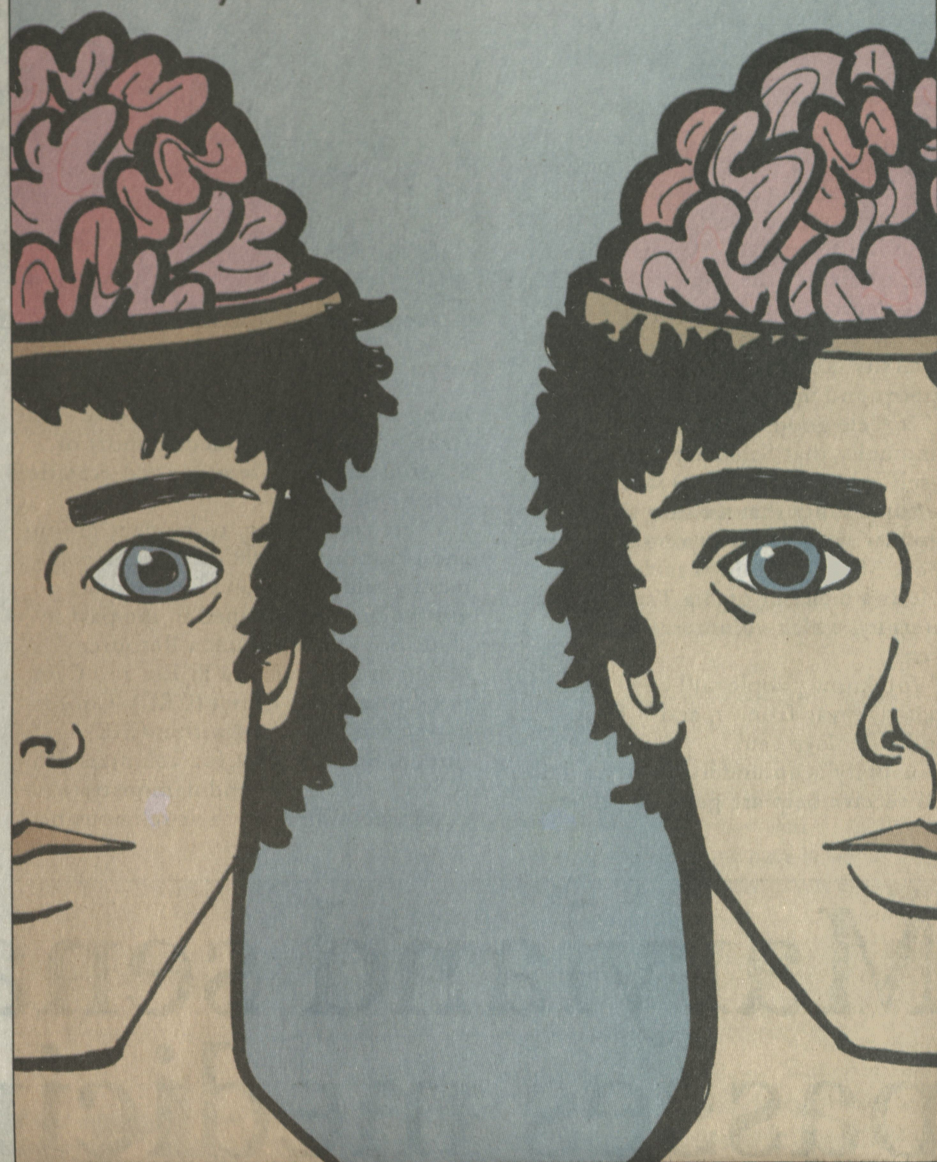
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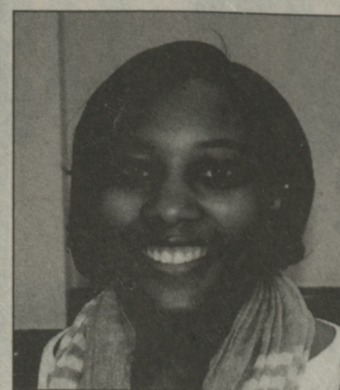
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Overheard: Should we take North Korea's threats seriously?



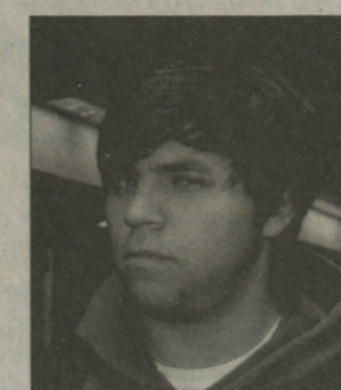
"Yes. Measures need to be taken to stop the threats."
 -Khadijah Freeman, Freshman



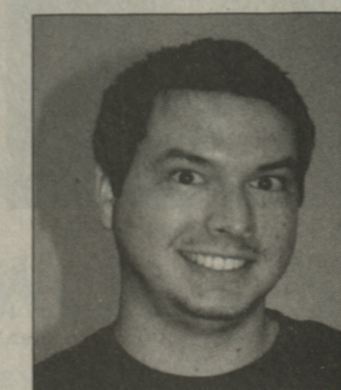
"Yes. These threats should not be a joke or laughing matter, though many people portray them that way."
 -Kellie Chafin, Sophomore



"Yes. They're already putting money into their nuclear plant. Better to play it safe than sorry."
 -Samantha Huffman, Junior



"No. South Korea should be the first target than the U.S. and more in danger."
 -Steve Hall, Senior



"No. South Korea, the U.S. and its allies could overpower North Korea."
 -Christian Tauler, Senior

Our View

Butt depots and fines to decrease litter

Both on campus and around the city, it is obvious that the most prominent type of trash on the side of the street is the cigarette butt.

Because of this problem, there are talks within the city council of adding cigarette butts to the legal classification of litter. This would mean that any person caught throwing cigarette butts on the ground will be fined for littering, and honestly it's a very good idea. The fact that it's not already considered littering is quite surprising.

It's ridiculous that throwing cigarette butts on the ground isn't considered littering. It's a form of trash, and there is really no reason smokers need to pollute the environment and decrease our city's well being because of their laziness and their refusal of simply throwing away butts in the proper receptacles.

Despite its legality, smoking is not a right and if you're going to smoke, you should be responsible enough to pick up after yourself like everyone else. No one wants to see your cigarette butts lying on the ground. Take responsibility for yourself. The government should encourage personal responsibility, and imposing a fine will make people more responsible, because let's be honest, due to the fact that cigarette butts are now more common in Salisbury than crabgrass, people obviously do not want to take responsibility, and if the threat of a fine will finally make them become more responsible, then it is necessary.

There is not reason why it is not considered littering when "throwing" anything on the ground that is not naturally a part of the environment already is some form of polluting, cigarette butts especially, unless the purpose is to avoid dumpster fires. Cigarettes pollute the body and the air, but that's not enough for the tobacco industry; they'd like to take everything else down too. The problem is that Salisbury is full of people that break the big rules without care, so you may be thinking who's going to pay attention to a rule such as this besides the non-smokers?

The truth is that if enough people are fined, smokers will realize that the city is serious about cracking down on this form of pollution and will start being responsible with cigarette butt disposal.

However, despite the fact that a fine is a good idea, the city needs to pursue other initiatives as well to drive down the cigarette butt problem. The forgotten factor in this situation is the availability of bins to dispose of the cigarette butts.

The situation is similar to gum or animal waste littering the ground. There are signs prohibiting people to do these things, but ultimately people will still do it if there is no trash can in a comfortable distance from them.

Thus, if the city puts money into more bins spaced out around the city, people will find themselves using them instead of the sidewalks as a trash bin. Along with this, the bins need to be staffed with maintenance people to routinely empty out the bins, or else they will quickly fill up and litter over onto the ground and people won't use the bins anymore.

So, a drawback would be the money and time put into installation of the bins, and proper maintenance of them. The benefit is people in the community being able to walk freely with no hazards or butts littering the land.

Let's be honest, people have a lazy mindset, and while the littering law is a very good idea there needs to be more that accompanies it. People are not going to walk a block or two to the next bin to dispose of their cigarette butts. The city and private businesses should provide smokers with bins. And with the presence of bins, fining smokers for littering will be even more justifiable.

Cloning endangered species: A theoretical look on inbreeding



BY AMANDA BIEDERMAN
 Gull Life Editor

Last November, I wrote an editorial titled "Cloning populations: a short-term solution to a long-term problem," where I discussed my concerns about a project to clone and possibly release clones of eight declining species in Brazil.

I noted that while the project was interesting, it did not address the issues of habitat destruction. I also criticized the project, noting that the clones would not add genetic diversity to the population, ultimately leading to a bottleneck and increased inbreeding. But my argument, along with most other arguments on the topic, was more philosophical than scientific.

I have since looked more closely into the arguments against this practice for a research project, which I presented at the Northeastern Regional Honors Conference in Philadelphia earlier this month. Although I still believe this project should not be the major focus of species conservation, I decided to look into how the species would be affected by inbreeding.

My research:
 The project has targeted

eight different species, which have been declining in Brazil in recent years. The species are the jaguar (Brazil population size 5,000, male-female ratio 58:42); the black lion tamarin (1,000, 60:40); the maned wolf (20,000, 52:48); the bush dog (10,000, 42:58); the gray brocket deer (1.4 million, 62:38); and the South American coati (80 million, 50:50).

The American bison and the collared anteater were both studied as well, but I had problems finding data on their Brazilian populations. The American bison has no native populations in Brazil, and I could not find information on the collared anteater. Therefore, both of these species were excluded from my analysis.

Using these numbers, I was able to calculate effective population size (Ne). This value gives a better idea of how these populations are thriving on an ecological scale. There are actually many ways to calculate Ne, but I used sex ratios because it was required for my next calculation, which used a set formula to show quickly the populations inbreed per generation.

I found that the populations tend to have very small increases in inbreeding per generation. After 50 generations, the tamarin's inbreeding increases by only 2 percent. Most other species were much lower, generally increasing less than 0.01 percent.

From here, I determined how adding clones would add to those inbreeding rates. I decided to look at what would

happen if just enough individuals were added to the population so that the sex ratios were balanced.

I created a model to show how the inbreeding would increase initially and per generation, by looking at initial rates and sexual maturity ages. I found that inbreeding per generation actually happens more slowly (15.79 percent) when clones are added, because the populations are physically larger.

However, the initial cost of adding clones does add a significant (50.06 percent) increase in inbreeding even after 50 generations. For more information on my theoretical model and results, email me at ab24064@gulls.salisbury.edu.

There's still a lot to look at here, and I'm hoping to refine my model by adding in more factors including population fragmentation, fertility, changing population sizes, mating behavior, ideal population sizes and the current initial inbreeding rate (my model does not reflect this factor).

I'm not completely sure what to make of these results yet, but to me, these numbers seem promising. In some cases you can add clones, increasing Ne and helping them breed more effectively, without drastically harming inbreeding values. For others, the changes are more severe, but I'm not sure if that would matter in the long term or not. Overall, I believe this project is something that we should continue to pursue. However, other conservation efforts should still take precedence.

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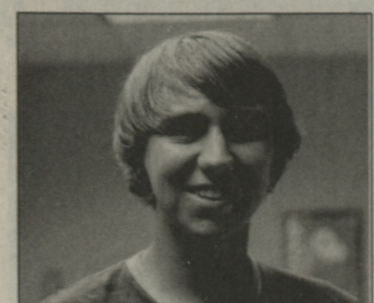
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Arkansas oil spill: a wake-up call for American energy policy



BY STEVEN CENNAME
Editorial Editor

Right now, the world's most profitable corporation is trying to clean up one of its messes with paper towels.

The technique of paper towel absorption may work when trying to clean up spilled beer, but Exxon-Mobil is trying to use paper towels to clean up one of its recent oil spills. Amazingly, this innovative, 21st century technology is not doing much to help progress the cleanup efforts.

The Mayflower, Ark. oil spill, which occurred on March 29, was caused by a ruptured pipeline, specifically an ExxonMobil pipeline carrying oil sands imported from Alberta, Canada. The Environmental Protection Agency has classified the leak as a "major spill," understandably since an estimated 5,000 barrels have been spilled, 22 homes have been evacuated and many children in the Mayflower area are reported to have recently experienced major headaches, vomiting and other health problems. The scary thing is that many of the town's residents did not even know they were living above the pipeline until it burst.

ExxonMobil is resorting to paper towels to clean up an oil spill because they have exhausted the other cleanup technologies that the most profitable company in the most profitable industry has invested in. Since tar sands is a form of oil that

has made its way onto the energy market rather recently, technology is still playing catch-up in terms of finding effective methods of cleaning up spills of tar sands.

The characteristics of tar sands require advancements in technology not just for cleanup purposes, but for transportation of the energy source as well.

"The tar sands are so heavy and corrosive and the export pipelines are more likely to spill than conventional pipelines. We saw this just days ago when rivers of oil poured through Arkansas backyards where children usually play," said Michael Marx of the Sierra Club.

What Marx is saying is that pipelines are not advanced enough to transport large amounts of a fuel as corrosive as tar sands. Spills are more likely to happen with corrosive fuels, and when the spills happen the American taxpayer foots the bill.

Proposed plans, notably the Keystone XL Pipeline, are related to the Mayflower spill in that tar sands from Canada are planned to be transported through both old and new pipelines, and part of the oil that is projected to be transported by Keystone XL is also going to be transported by Pegasus. It is clear that the old pipelines are going to have to be upgraded before this plan is able to live up to its high expectations touted by energy companies. Instead of focusing on building the new pipeline, the energy companies should be more concerned about fixing the old ones.

A reason why oil spills are becoming more frequent is because the companies have no monetary incentive to avoid them. The maximum civilian fine the government is allowed to impose on a corporation for a pipeline safety violation is \$200,000. ExxonMobil makes \$122 million per day. A measly fine of

\$200,000 is not going to push ExxonMobil into doing the right thing and making sure that their pipeline inspections and upgrades comply with federal law.

The last major oil spill for ExxonMobil occurred in Montana in 2011, only a few months after government officials informed the company of numerous probable safety violations including emergency response training, rules pertaining to the corrosion of pipes and many others. Once the pipe burst, the company was only fined \$1.7 million for the spill, which is only 1.4 percent of what Exxon-Mobil makes in one day.

Therefore, the corporation is feeling very little pain from the government after its pipeline safety violations and damaging oil spills. The fees are so lenient that it is often cheaper for the company to violate the law than it is to comply with it. ExxonMobil realizes this, and consequently does not keep their pipelines up to standards. This is a phenomenon that is causing many people in Arkansas to suffer. Consequences of this spill will include health problems for many children, which may hamper important stages of physical and cognitive development and will affect them throughout their lives.

Sadly, this oil spill is getting little media coverage, while it should be inspiring the government to rethink parts of the country's current energy policy and how to avoid, or at the very least reduce, environmental health disasters like the Mayflower spill from happening again. Two things are obvious: we need more investment in research and development in order to find effective technologies for the transportation of oil sands and cleanup and we need to strengthen the penalties by imposing harsher fines on energy companies that violate maintenance laws and regulations.

Don't go to college if you can't afford it

BY CODY WALTER
Contributor

On the horizon: a student loan bubble is looming over college students, threatening to do as much damage as the housing bubble did in 2008, possibly more.

Simply stated, there are more people attending college than ever before. The problem is that the majority of these students carry a high debt burden and will be entering a labor market that may not provide students with job opportunities lucrative enough to pay off their debt.

First, there are more students in college because the government has promoted the idea that everyone has a "right" to a college education, rather than it being a privilege. The government is guaranteeing students money to pay for school, thus encouraging many to attend college who otherwise wouldn't. As a result, there

is more money chasing a fixed amount of availability (seats in classrooms). Tuition goes UP, book prices go UP, and fees go UP. In addition, the Federal Reserve is keeping interest rates at artificially low historical levels, and thus increasing the money supply by continually destroying and inflating the dollar.

"Implications for the borrowers in the student loan market are going to be much worse," said Antony Davies, professor of economics of Duquesne University.

Moreover, the government is taking on the student loan debt itself, which is removing the risk from banks and placing the burden on the taxpayers. Doing this effectively insulates the students from negative economic conditions. When subsidizing, the government is giving guaranteed spending to the student out of the taxpayer's wallet.

As Davies notes "The

government intervention is pushing the market to do things it wouldn't do otherwise."

One of the reasons that consequences for student borrowers will be bad is that students cannot "discharge" their loans via bankruptcy. Thus, unlike homeowners, students' assets are intangible. The only means for students to settle the loan is to pay it off or die trying. In an atmosphere of low wages and limited job opportunities, these students could easily become nothing more than slaves to the U.S. government. So, if government keeps subsidizing student loans (which it will), the taxpayers could be left to pay for the countless number of students who "bought" an education they couldn't afford.

Lastly, there is the issue of supply and demand. "College tuition prices have gone up 948% since 1980," stated Daniel Lin, professor of economics

at American University.

Since government has pushed the idea that anyone can go to college under any circumstance, it's not a surprise that the result is an artificial, irrational demand for education. To handle this demand, colleges and universities have raised their prices. Prices also have been raised forcibly by government regulations and compliance burdens. The root cause of rising tuition is the false promises of higher wages after college and increased subsidies from the government.

In summary, the government promotes the entitlement mindset about college. Also, the government injects itself into the markets through questionable loans and cheap money. The result is a bubble about to burst that will hurt college students and tax payers across America.

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SU-TV pilots new show



Jessie Esposito photo
Three student teams test their friendships in SU-TV's newest show, "The Relationship Game."

BY JESSIE ESPOSITO
Video Editor

Salisbury University's very own TV channel is bringing on a brand new game show, "The Relationship Game" hosted by freshman Michael Flack.

The Relationship Game challenges friends and couples to a quiz. Two people who feel confident they know everything about the other must answer a series of personal questions to test their relationship.

The show took off for the first time last Thursday as the "Friendship Edition" and lasted for less than thirty minutes.

It started out with three different pairs of friends sitting together on set while Michael introduced the crowd to the game.

Each pair worked as a team competing against the others. Whichever team answered the most questions correctly won. It was game on.

For round one, a person from each team left the stage to the back

area. The remaining team members were then asked a series of personal questions about their partners.

A few of these questions were "What is your friend's biggest fear?" and "Who is your friend's idol?" Some questions were even as hard as "What is your friend's favorite memory of your relationship?"

One by one, each team member answered the questions. Occasionally, they would know the answer right off the bat and could answer immediately. More often, though, they second-guessed their answers.

After all of the questions had been answered, the people onstage were allowed to return.

Flack would then ask those team members their answers to each of the questions he had asked the others. If their responses matched up with the answers of their teammates, their team would receive a point.

Some answers matched up perfectly, while others did not. Each team had a good laugh about their

wins and their losses.

After each round, team members swapped who went in the back and who answered the questions about the other. This process was repeated several times with different sets of questions.

Senior Erica Winter and freshman Christine MacAllister, who won third place, said they found out about the show through WXSU. They said they have been best friends for two years and are currently roommates.

"We definitely felt confident going into this show," Winter said. "However, the results didn't show it too well."

The girls walked away in third place, but said that their loss only brought them together with smiles, laughs, and hugs.

"Even though we lost in third place, we're winning losers," MacAllister said.

Flack has pushed the show into popularity by creating a Facebook page, posting fliers around campus, and advertising the show on WXSU. As it is his first time ever

hosting a show, he said he wants it to succeed.

He said he eventually wants to incorporate prizes for the winning teams by getting local sponsors. However, to do this, he must gain as many viewers and participants as possible.

"Hopefully, if the show is successful, it will stick around until next semester and thereafter," Flack said. "It's having a little trouble getting its feet off the ground, though. Not very many people know about it yet."

This episode was the test trial for SU-TV, and did not air on television. However, future Relationship Game episodes will air live on SU-TV channel 7.6 every Thursday at 7 p.m. starting this week. If you want to be on the show, contact Michael Flack through Facebook or email at mflack1@gulls.salisbury.edu.

Bike-SBY plans spring events



Dylan Craig photo
Community members and SU students gather to swap bicycles outside EVO Craft Brewing Public House last Saturday, April 13.

BY DYLAN CRAIG
Staff Writer

To promote cycling as an alternative to driving, Bike-SBY holds events around the community.

The most recent event was a bike swap held in EVO parking lot last Saturday. Salisbury cyclists came to buy and sell parts and swap stories.

The event was followed by a six and a half mile bike ride around the city.

Matt Drew created Bike-SBY about one year ago, starting out as a project in a GIS class at

Salisbury University. He said he needed to find a common pass of travel to show how efficient bike riding would be for commuters.

The group now has around 850 supporters with around 25 core members.

Drew has been a recreation enthusiast for about 20 years. He now tries to ride to work at least four days of the week.

"Over 40 percent of trips are less than two miles," Drew said. "We want to promote the idea to keep the car at home."

The group has already gotten the City Council to approve a bike lane from the university to the

plaza to downtown Salisbury.

Bike-SBY hopes to shine a light on the personal health benefits and environmental benefits of choosing to pedal more often. 17 is National Bike to Work Day, and Bike-SBY hopes to make it a success in Salisbury.

"It helps people understand how to leave cars," Drew said. "It gets people thinking how to pack their lunch and bring a change of clothes so they can ride to work."

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Police talk SU safety, wellness

BY JESSIE KARANGU
Staff Writer

Most people aren't ready for a school shooting, but according to Salisbury University Police Chief Edwin Lashley, if anyone is prepared to face the situation, it's his task force.

The increase in school shootings nationwide has become a cause for concern among students, faculty and staff. Many question whether the university is prepared enough to deal with a school shooting, as well as whether the school has done enough to limit the possible effects.

Chief Lashley's force has undergone months of training including earlier this year on Jan. 17, when the campus police collaborated with the city of Salisbury's task force in active shooter response training.

The force was also in training with the Maryland State Police throughout the month of March and has been trained on tactical maneuvers at certain buildings such as TETC. SU junior Danielle Ensor said she does not believe that's enough and is still concerned with the college's ability to protect students.

"With the surrounding areas being unsafe, I feel that our campus is also unsafe as well and that something serious could happen without everyone being prepared," Ensor said.

SU junior Rashad Epps said he does not believe the university does enough to promote safety guidelines of a school shooting.

"The school needs to put out rules and fliers saying if this happens you should do this," Epps said. "Let it be known publicly how to handle a shooting."

However, Lashley maintains that SU is a safe environment to get an education. He credits multiple training sessions among his staff as well as a vast amount of experience in other jurisdictions as crucial to ensuring that his department understands how to deal with an active shooter.

"Salisbury University is the leader of law enforcement and has received high marks from the state of Maryland when it comes to dealing with emergency management," Lashley said.

Mental health has been a topic of debate which has affected and influenced the national conversation involving guns. Lashley said he encourages students to seek help from the counseling center but he's also concerned with the amount of people who access the University Police website, which gives users the ability to leave anonymous tips about any students who may pose as a safety risk.

"The university doesn't take advantage of the police website. In the eight years I've been here, I've only received two complaints," Lashley said. "I'm surprised by the number of people who don't access it and it's disturbing in my view."

Lashley said students should be aware of their surroundings and rely on instincts whenever there is a cause for concern.

"There is very little we can do to prevent tragedies but what we can do is to be aware," Lashley said. "Awareness helps us do our jobs and eliminates small things from being a problem."

Dining Review



Rachel Thurman photo
Twisted Pretzel is located on Rt. 13 across from campus.

BY RACHEL THURMAN
Staff Writer

A small bakery located right next to Romeo's Pizza, Twisted Pretzel left me wishing for more.

When I walked in I noticed there were two or three tables to sit down at. The inside of the bakery looked a bit dated. No one greeted me as I looked at the menu to decide what to order. I settled on a hot pretzel and a coke to see how it was before ordering anything else.

I was glad that I only ordered a pretzel. The pretzel tasted like it had been sitting around for too long. Have you ever tried those pretzels you can buy from the grocery store and just heat up? Those are better than the one I had at Twisted Pretzel.

Twisted Pretzel

“★”

I also had a Pepsi. The Pepsi was from the fountain, and it was not cold. If you ever eat at Twisted Pretzel I would recommend getting a soda from the cooler, rather than one from the fountain.

The only good thing about the pretzel was the hot nacho served with it, but I did have to scrape off a lot of the salt on the pretzel as well.

The menu at the bakery offers more than pretzels. There are soups, salads, and sandwiches, and other types of food you would expect at a bakery. I was going to try an oven roasted turkey sandwich on a pretzel roll as well, but decided against it after a bite of my pretzel.

It seems that Twisted Pretzel specializes in catering and more specifically, desserts. I didn't try any but they have

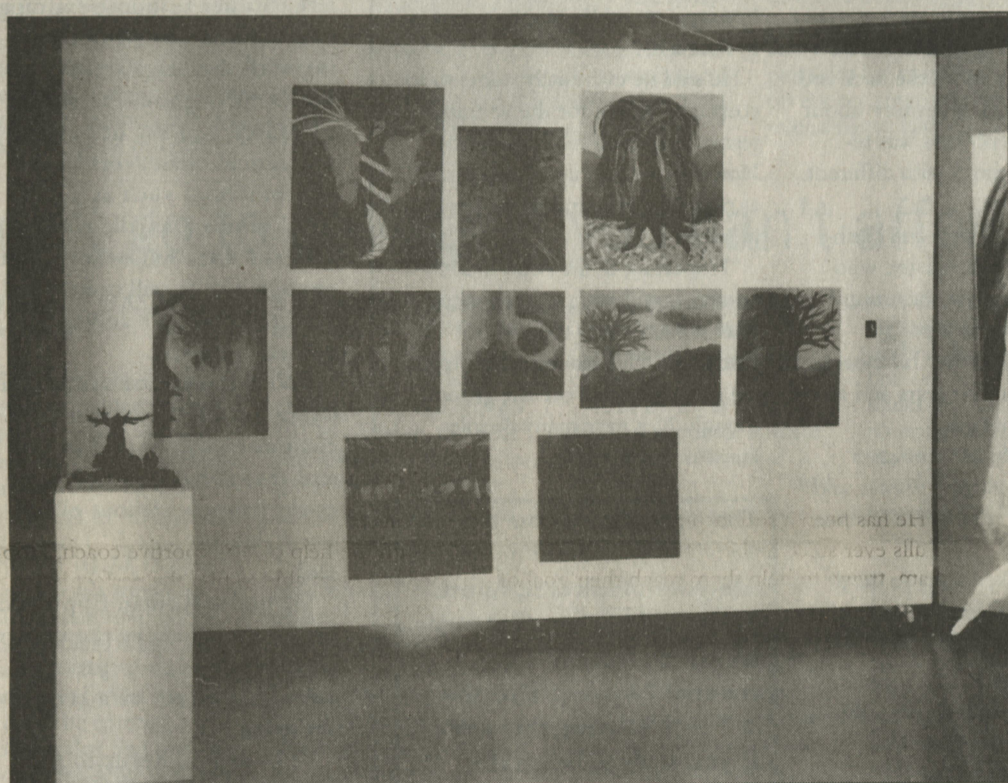
cupcakes, pies, muffins and much more.

Overall I would give Twisted Pretzel Bakery a 1/5. The pretzel wasn't very hot, the Pepsi was not cold or fizzy and my overall experience was just plain disappointing.

The bakery is open on weekdays but closes at 4 p.m. I went in around 2:30, so maybe because it was close to closing time the food was not as fresh as it normally is.

**Correction: The sauce I tried in my April 2 food review from Plaza Tapatia had no mayonnaise in it, it was crema, which is made from sour cream in Mexico.*

Exhibit features senior's artwork



Corey Nethen photo
Senior art students have built exhibits around their own creative themes.

BY COREY NETHEN
Staff Writer

Before they take off for flight into the professional world, senior art majors are sharing their hard work with other students, faculty members and any other curious stroller. The 28th biannual Senior Student Fine Arts Exhibit will be on display until April 26 in the University Gallery in Fulton Hall.

A plethora of different media is shown including drawing, sculpture, painting, glass, ceramics and photography. Innovative contributions like large-scale hybrid pieces, advanced new media work and floor-to-ceiling installations give a different perspective to this show, sparking interest in those who may not have previously noticed the power of creative artwork.

Senior graphic design major Josh Aspril said the exhibit allows seniors to express their own artistic themes. For Aspril, this theme of interest was

sports.

"In the last semester, we want to make our work look as professional as possible," Aspril said. "Everyone has their own wall space, and we choose ways to arrange our own specific theme in a creative way."

Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Admission is free to all visitors. A reception and President's Award presentations is scheduled for Friday, April 19 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Beginning May 2, the exhibit will feature works from senior graphic design students.

"We have worked hard to ensure this is not just a boring set up of one picture next to another," Aspril said.

Come see these pieces in the Fulton Hall Gallery Tuesday-Friday, 10-a.m. to 4 p.m. or week ends, noon to 4 p.m.

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College students targeted for DUIs

BY RACHEL SEGAL
Staff Writer

The City of Salisbury is no stranger to drunk drivers, and college students are often the prime suspects for DUI arrests.

Salisbury University students tend to be primary targets for police officers seeking to arrest drivers who are under the influence of alcohol. Police said it is necessary because of the notorious activity of drinking and traveling between parties, but some students feel that they are being discriminated against.

"College students are easy prey for officers who are looking out for drunk drivers because of the social drinking scene," said Edwin Lashley, Salisbury University chief of police.

Lashley said that a police officer who notices a possible college party on the weekend will obviously pay attention to anyone driving away from that area. The same goes for popular bars in town.

"They would not be doing their duty if they didn't attend such an obvious possibility of drunk driving," Lashley said.

Although the University Police do not usually directly deal with drunk drivers, they are notified when a student gets arrested for driving under the influence. It is a violation of Salisbury University's student code of conduct, and the student has to deal with consequences from the university as well as appear in court.

An SU senior, who asked to remain anonymous, received a DUI arrest earlier this semester when he was pulled over on his street while arriving home in the early hours of a Saturday morning.

The student feels his arrest was unnecessary, and police could be attending to more serious crimes in the area.

"When the officer put me in the back of

his car in handcuffs, I asked him why he wasn't doing better things with his time," he said. "There are much more serious issues in Salisbury like drug dealers, plus, I was already home safe."

He will have to take alcohol classes for six months and still has to appear in court for further consequences.

A DUI is a lesser infraction in the state of Maryland than being charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI). The penalties of DUI charges are usually eight points on the driver's license and a \$500 fine, while a DWI results in 12 points on the license and a \$1,000 fine.

In both cases, the driver faces possible jail time and suspension of his or her license.

Alexander Tawes, a junior at SU, says that people choose to drive while under the influence because it is convenient and "the alcohol affects their judgment." He thinks that the fairness of getting a DUI charge depends on how drunk the driver is.

"If someone doesn't blow too high on a breathalyzer, they are probably alright to drive," Tawes said. "If they blow over a .1 or something, it is probably dangerous, and they deserve to get arrested."

Tawes said that college students are definitely targeted by the police when looking out for drunk drivers.

"Police just don't like college kids," Tawes said.

The police will continue to look for drunk drivers on the roads of Salisbury and college students at parties remain evident suspects, although they are not the only offenders.

"The number of DUIs is always higher than it should be, and it always will be," Lashley said. "This is not just an issue in Salisbury. It is an issue in police departments everywhere."

SPORTS

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Gulls defeat Mary Washington en route to CAC Tournament

BY DAVID CABRERA
Staff Writer

The third-ranked Salisbury University baseball team routed Capital Athletic Conference foe Mary Washington 12-3 to start their three game weekend series Friday afternoon.

Junior centerfielder Bill Root and senior designated hitter Evan Graci each had three RBIs for Salisbury, and senior starting pitcher Andrew Levy allowed only two earned runs in eight innings of work against the Eagles.

Despite the all-around dominating performance by the Sea Gulls, all that anyone could talk about was the control issues of the Eagle pitchers and the eight Sea Gull batters that the Eagles hit.

"It seemed like after we took that lead (7-1 in the bottom of the first inning) they got nervous," Root said. "That's when they started to go after guys."

Root started off that bottom half with a walk, then senior leftfielder Nick Gentry singled to advance Root to second. The next batter, junior first baseman Quinn Griffith walked.

With the bases loaded, Graci drove Root in on a sacrifice fly to right, which in the process, also allowed Gentry to tag up and advance to third. Gentry scored on a wild pitch on the next at-bat.

As the Gulls got two more runs thanks to RBI singles by sophomore right fielder Kyle Hayman and sophomore catcher Austin Barefoot, junior shortstop Ken O'Neill became the first casualty on the hit batter parade.

With runners at the corners and looking to add on to the 4-1 lead, O'Neill was drilled in the head by Eagles starting pitcher Mike Straub. Despite the scary scene, O'Neill gathered himself and made his way to first.

Root then hit a bases clearing double that scored Hayman, Barefoot and O'Neill. With an early 7-1 cushion to work with, Levy was very appreciative of his offense.

"To put up numbers like that is huge," Levy said. "They always seem to have my back."

Adding two more runs in the fourth inning, the Sea Gulls were coasting their way to victory.

To start the bottom of the fifth inning, O'Neill was plunked for the third time in the game. After a groundout by Root, Gentry and Griffith were then hit on consecutive pitches. O'Neill then scored on a wild pitch during Graci's at-bat.

Graci then roped a double to left center to score Gentry and Griffith.

"Mary Washington really hurt themselves with the amount of batters they hit," head coach

Doug Fleetwood said. "Fortunately we were able to take advantage of that."

In the game, Gentry, Griffith and junior second baseman Johnny Schiotis were each hit twice.

With the series holding implications for conference play-off seeding and an upcoming doubleheader on Saturday, the win on Friday meant one clear thing.

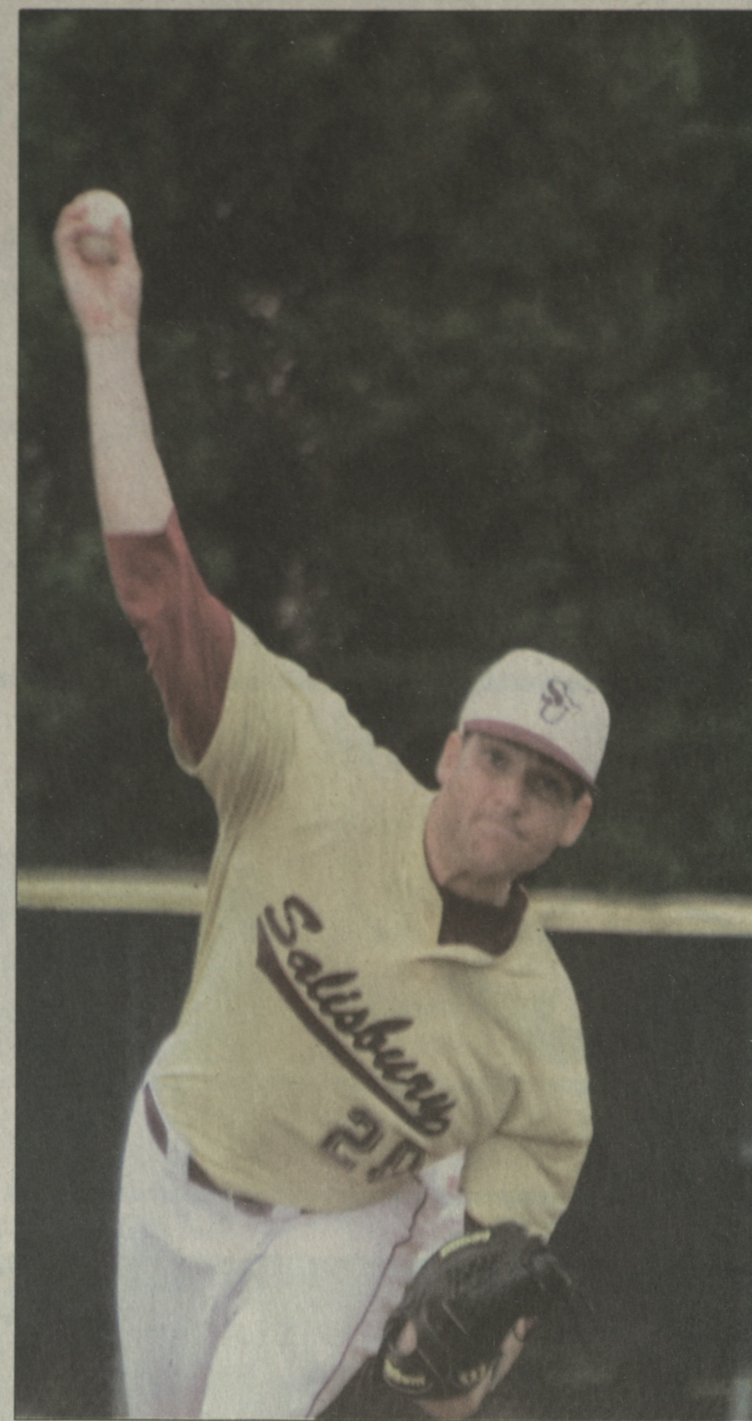
"We got the first one," Fleetwood said. "We knew it would be hard to come in and win three straight and to start well off the bat in this first one was really good."

With at least one win on Saturday, the Gulls can lock up the number one overall seed in the CAC tournament and a second straight regular season conference championship.

As for what Friday's game meant for the rest of the weekend, Levy says that the Sea Gulls "made a statement," but that there's more to accomplish.

"We have to come out Saturday afternoon and so the same thing again," Levy said.

If they have more of the same results like they did on Friday, the Sea Gulls will be calling themselves CAC conference champions again. The first round of the CAC Tournament begins on Tuesday, April 16 at 3:30 p.m.



Kevin Cunningham photo
Senior pitcher Andrew Levi throws against a UMW Eagle batter.

Athlete Spotlight

Devon Hopkins



File photo

BY SAMANTHA BABO
Staff Writer

Sophomore Devon Hopkins is dominating in his second season of track and field at Salisbury University this year.

Exercise science major is planning to graduate in May of 2015 with hopes of becoming a physical therapist in his future.

Hopkins is also minoring in religious studies, which he has been interested in since he was young. He grew up going to church his whole life and has decided to continue learning about one of his many passions.

This gifted athlete decided to go to SU for one of many reasons. Salisbury is fairly close to Hopkins' home town in Randallstown, Md, which made it easy for him to travel home as often as he needed. Hopkins also knew that he would be able to compete in track and field as a Sea Gull which made his decision all the easier.

He has been a real inspiration to the Sea Gulls ever since he became a part of the team, trying to help them reach their goal of becoming Capital Athletic Conference champions.

Hopkins' began running track when he was in second grade, but slowly lost interest in the sport. Once he reached the high school level, Hopkins knew that he loved this sport and decided to stick with it so he could compete at a college level.

Here at SU Hopkins competes in several events such as long jump, triple jump, hurdles and the four by four relay.

"We have a very young team of freshman and sophomores that has been a solid base of our team this year. Devon is one of our key members of our team," Head Coach Jim Jones said.

The team is hoping to become CAC champions this year on May 2, and also break the conference record by scoring 300 points in

the meet.

With the help of a supportive coach, Hopkins has been able to find the perfect balance between athletics and school work here at Salisbury University. Coach Jones is always there for him to provide great advice and also tutoring sessions to keep his players on the track.

Hopkins expects a lot out of himself for his next two years on and off the track here at SU. This season Hopkins will give it his all to help the team to win their conference. He is also hoping to attend nationals this year. Hopkins biggest goal of all is to become a national champion by his senior year.

"Several things make him a great student athlete. He has a great deal of talent and a tremendous work ethic. In meets, he is a competitor and knows how to dig deep to bring out his best performance at the big meets," Jones said.

Women's tennis continues win streak, Men's falters

BY AMY MCFARLAND
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University men's and women's Tennis teams battled Christopher Newport University on Tuesday, and the women advanced their winning streak to 15 with a win of 6-3, while the men came up short 7-2.

The No. 8 ranked women's tennis team (15-2) opened with freshman Natalie Savage and sophomore Roxanne Alban topping CNU 8-2 at court No. 1. Senior Victoria Handlin and junior Jessica Babyak achieved a win by getting ahead 4-1 and closing it 8-4 against the Captains' Melisande Downs and Angela Stallman.

Senior Elaina Iosue and Katie Youlios dropped the first game at No. 2 but led throughout the rest of the match until CNU forced them to a tiebreaker and won 7-3. This was CNU's only doubles point, giving SU the lead at 2-1.

"We came out flat," Teammate Allison Lutz said. "Our goal is to win the CACs against Mary Washington, so we need to work on getting a stronger start."

The Sea Gulls allowed another point by CNU in singles when Jodi Noland defeated Alban 6-1, 6-0. The 2-2 tie ended shortly after Youlios earned a 6-1, 6-1 victory against Downs at No. 4.

The Gulls kept it rolling as Savage, Iosue and Handlin took out their CNU opponents. Savage grabbed a win of 6-3, 6-2 while Iosue won 6-2, 6-2 over CNU's Kim Morrisett. Handlin wrapped up the match with Salisbury's sixth point after a 6-4, 6-1 win.

Men's tennis (10-8) started out with a 2-1 trail after the Captains earned two doubles points. Senior Adam Goldberger and teammate Demetri Vrahnos made a 5-4 lead but fell 6-5 and eventually lost 9-7 to CNU's Joey Manilla and Will Sloan. Junior Shane Gunther and sophomore Nick Mancuso tried break their trail at No. 3 but lost 8-3.

SU's Daniel Albers and Eric Spangler snatched the Gulls' only doubles point of the day. The pair trailed 3-2, but rallied to a lead and clinched an 8-4 win.

"They've been playing really well this year so it was good that they kept the momentum,"

teammate Matthew McGaffney said.

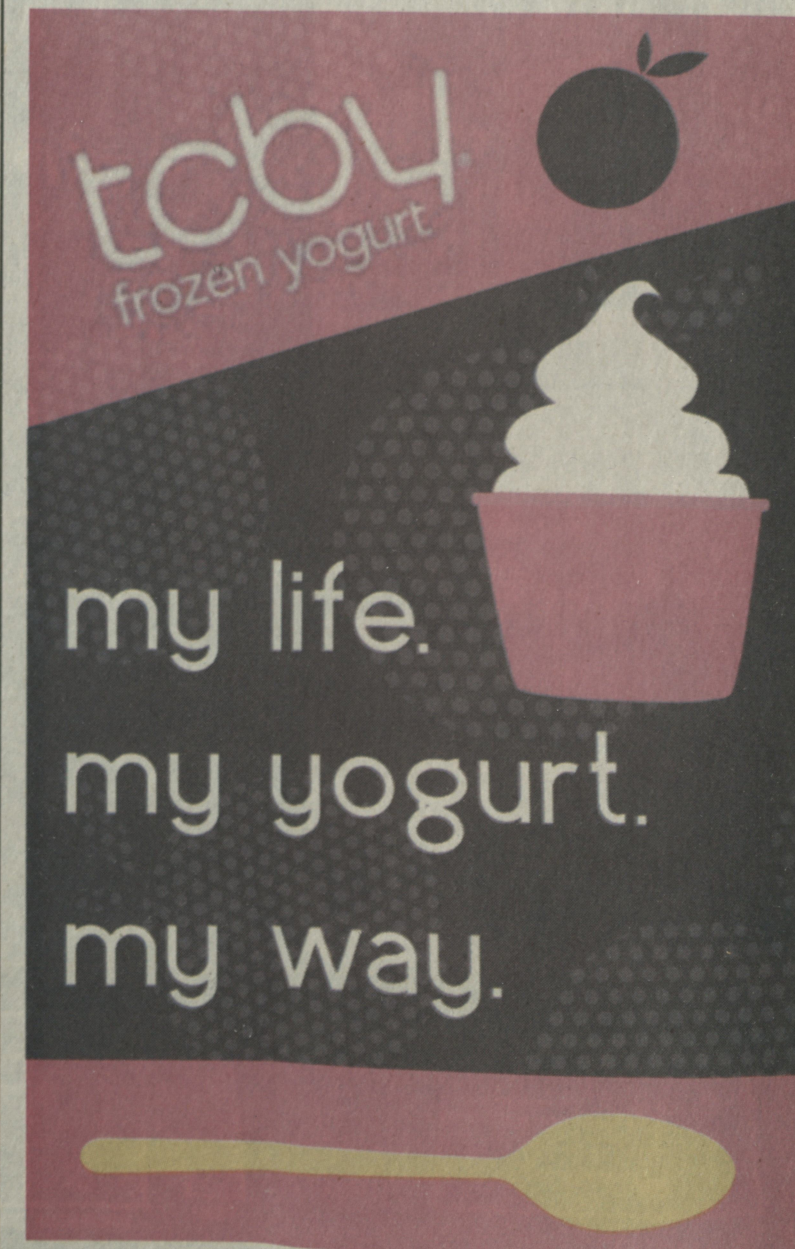
Spangler continued to stand out in singles, battling CNU's Kyle Tobin for a 6-4 win after a smooth 6-1 first-set win. But the rest of the Gulls struggled in singles matches, eventually giving CNU five wins.

Albers obtained a 6-4 victory in his first set, but fell in the second and third sets to the Captains' Chiraag Shetty 6-2, 6-2 at No. 1. Goldberger lost his first set 6-4 and came back in the second to win 6-4, only to lose the tie-breaking set 10-7.

Gunther was unable to fight off CNU's Sloan at No. 5, resulting in a close first-set loss of 7-5 and following with a 6-2 loss. Mancuso also struggled, falling 6-3, 6-1.

Vrahnos' fate seemed similar after losing the first set 6-4, but he made a comeback in the second set to win with the same score. After a long third set went into the night, Vrahnos finally fell 6-4 to CNU.

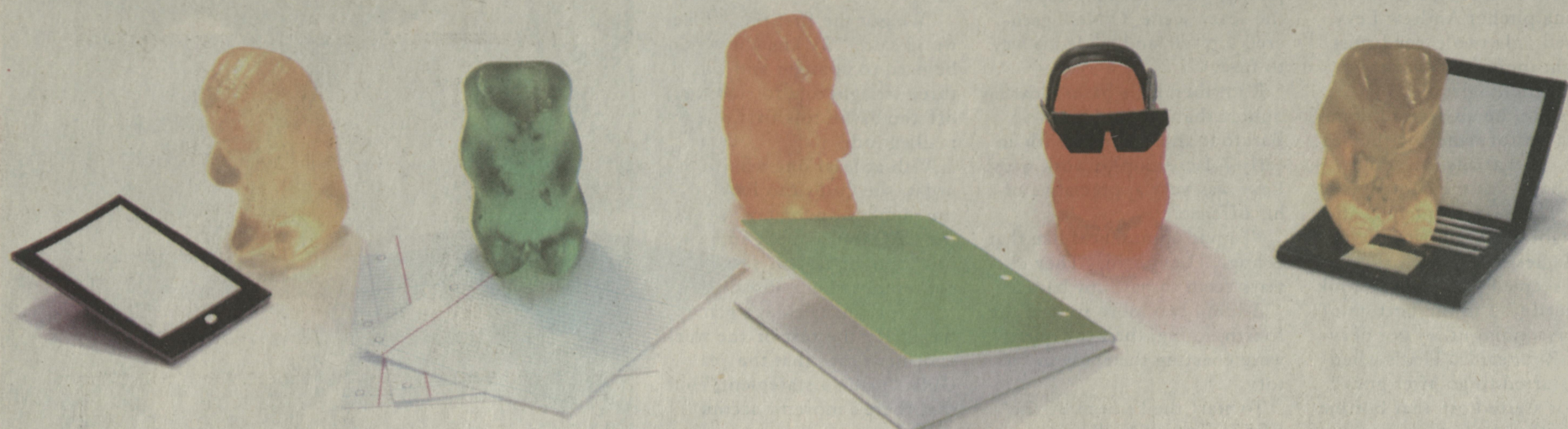
"Everybody's been solid," McGaffney said. "We just need to improve our energy in doubles and stay focused."



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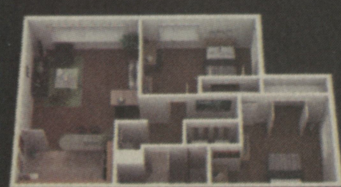
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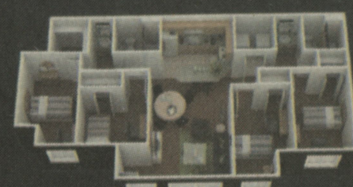
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